

JEWELRY SHOP ROBBERIES BANK'S SHOTS

Empties Pistol Across Counter at Two Holdups in the Bowery.

CAFE MAN IS SLAIN

Shot Dead in Bronx Store as He Flees From Two Robbers.

ROBBERS GET JEWELS

Armed Men Invade Lunchroom and Take \$5,000 Worth of Diamonds.

Harry Edson, son of the proprietor of a jewelry store at 135 Bowery, proved to be quicker on the trigger than two holdup men, and he sent them fleeing from the store last night in a hail of lead.

Edson was alone in the store when the pair entered. They asked to see diamond rings. Prices, they were told, ranged from \$5 to \$500, and they asked for something around \$45. Edson picked out two rings, but they did not seem to suit.

"What's that one over there worth?" one asked.

As Edson turned the two drew pistols and ordered him to put up his hands. He had stooped to reach for the rings holding the ring the robbers had asked to see. Within a few inches of his hand, he saw the automatic pistol. He whipped it out of its holster and opened fire at the thieves. Four shots came in rapid succession, but all went wild. They shattered the door and window and broke a showing of cut glass in the street. Before Edson could reach the street the robbers had disappeared.

Detectives had just about reached their precinct after listening to Edson's story when a call came concerning suspicious looking men in front of a Grand street jewelry shop. They hurried there but the men had disappeared.

Saves \$140; Loves Life.

Leon Sottile, 28 Madison street, owner of a soft drink saloon at 233 East 152d street, Bronx, saved \$140 at the cost of his life when two young bandits invaded his saloon about 5 o'clock last night. Sottile and his partner, Genaro De Bastino of 233 East 152d street, were the only persons in the place when the bandits entered with revolvers.

Sottile ran for a side door opening into a hallway. As he reached the door one of the bandits fired, and Sottile fell into the hallway dead. The bullet had struck him in the head.

The bandits did not stop to search the body or take the contents of the till. They ran out, jumped into an automobile, which it is said had no license and made off. Sottile had \$140 in bills in his pockets.

Four bandits, 22 to 25 years old, three with guns, robbed patrons in Joseph Greenstein's delicatessen and lunch room at 133 Hester street, among them a jewelry salesman, who lost \$5,000 worth of unset diamonds, in broad daylight. They padlocked the door and they went out, leaving the neighbors with an ax was needed to release them in the room.

One armed man stood at each side of the door, another at the rear, while the fourth man collected the lootable. Matt Weiner, a salesman for L. Lewkowitz of Seventeenth street and Sixth avenue, had a small box of diamonds on the table beside him. The bandits took it without even looking to see what it contained.

The bandits were about to leave when they were interrupted by a man who pumped the till. "This oversight was remedied and \$54 more was gleaned."

Victims Padlocked In.

With a warning that any one who attempted to follow in five minutes would be shot the leader padlocked the door and shut in the Greensteins and their wife. It was about ten minutes before the door was opened and the bandits were taken out, leaving the victims in the room.

Abraham Ackerman was turning out the lights in his drug store at 180 West avenue, Bronx, when three men entered. Two produced pistols and backed the proprietor into a rear room, where they tied him to a radiator and one stood guard, taking Ackerman's watch, while the other took \$500 from the cash register. The third finished turning out the lights. As the men were leaving Ackerman broke his bonds and made a dash. A bandit struck him on the head with a pistol butt, knocking him out for a moment. They escaped in an automobile.

George Schneider, cashier, and Herbert La Frazier, negro chauffeur, of the J. M. Horton Ice Cream Company, were held up by two bandits, who were taken to the morgue yesterday and identified as the body of the holdup man shot and killed Thursday afternoon in the robbery at Phipps House, 234 West Sixty-third street, as one of the men who had robbed them.

Detective John D. Coughlin is satisfied the dead robber is James Green of Buffalo, whose picture is in the Rogues' Gallery. Fingerprints of the dead man have been found to tally closely with those of Green, who was arrested several times and was sentenced in this city in 1919 to Sing Sing prison for two to four years. If the identification made by the police is correct, Green held up the Horton employees four days after he had been arrested here on a charge of stealing an automobile. That charge still is pending in the courts.

Wounded Suspect Held.

John Little, alias John Burke, charged with having been in the holdup at Phipps House, was held without bail in West Side Court. He was shot through the mouth by a policeman while fleeing from the building.

Michael Picerno, formerly champion wrestler of the American Expeditionary Forces, who pleaded guilty to robbing the home of Commodore Frank Hastings in Port Washington, L. I., on the night of August 30 and aided the Nassau county authorities in recovering \$200,000 from the Hastings home, was sentenced yesterday by County Judge J. J. Smith at Mineola to serve from four to nine years and six months in Sing Sing prison.

Gustav Mercuro, proprietor of a fruit store at 238 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, was held up yesterday morning by four armed men, who stole \$100 from the cash drawer.

Balfour Sends Good Will Greeting to Americans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Associated Press).—Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British arms conference delegation, tonight issued the following Christmas message to the American people:

I welcome the opportunity which has been granted me of sending Christmas greetings to my American friends, known and unknown.

If this be the season which above all others suggests thoughts of peace on earth and good will toward men, surely there are no nations between whom that peace should be more secure and that good will more ardent than the two great peoples of English speech. Such has always been my faith; and never did it seem nearer complete realization than at a moment when, under American leadership, so much is being done toward diminishing armaments and removing causes of international offense.

A Christmaslike sojourn should be the surest prelude to a happy New Year.

SHOPLIFTERS FALL INTO HANDS OF LAW

Boy of Nine Among Those Brought to Court by Store Detectives.

Antonio Castellano, 9 years old, of 428 West Forty-first street, charged with stealing a pocket watch worth \$3.95 from a department store, was arrested yesterday before Justice McInerney, Moss and Salmon, in Special Sessions.

Among them was Mrs. Lillian Henry, who was recognized by Miss Mary Mangano, probation officer, as having been in the Tombs a year ago on a drug addiction charge. Mrs. Henry pleaded not to be sent away, and Justice McInerney said: "We think it best that you go to the workhouse for four months' treatment."

Mrs. Madeline Moore, 16, and Louise Daws, 23, both of 133 West Thirtieth street, pleaded guilty to stealing articles worth \$15. The young wife said her husband was a chauffeur, out of work, and that she was to join him at her parents' home in Pennsylvania. She stole to bring presents to relatives, she said. She was sent to the Florence Crittenton Home and Miss Dawes to the Tombs, to await sentence.

Iris Holtz, a Danish girl of 20, who lives at 217 Fifty-seventh street, Brooklyn, pleaded guilty to stealing four pairs of stockings. She told the court she had been out of work. She was sent to the Florence Crittenton Home.

Edward Powers, 29, a drug addict, of 249 West Thirty-seventh street, was sent to the penitentiary for from six months to three years for stealing goods valued at \$20. Edward Reynolds, 25, of 40 East 133d street, was sent to the penitentiary for the same term for stealing goods, and Walter Jones of 319 West Thirty-sixth street was sent to the workhouse for a similar offense. A penitentiary sentence for stealing articles valued at \$20 was given William Major of the Florence Hotel.

JAIL DOCTOR DOUBTS SANITY OF MRS. RAIZEN

Asks Precautions Be Taken to Prevent Suicide.

Warden Honeck, in charge of the Raymond Street Jail in Brooklyn, where Mrs. Lillian Schaffer Raizen, who killed Dr. Abraham Glickstein, is a prisoner, notified District Attorney Lewis by letter yesterday that Dr. Charles Stoerzer, visiting physician at the jail, has reported that the woman is displaying suicidal tendencies and asked that precautions be taken. Dr. Stoerzer suggested that the proper officials be notified of the woman's condition and that she be transferred to a psychiatric hospital, where she could be watched constantly.

Assistant District Attorney Cooper later notified the warden to exercise care while Mrs. Raizen was in his custody.

Counsel for Mrs. Raizen also asked County Judge George W. Martin to appoint a physician to determine Mrs. Raizen's mental state.

MRS. GOURAUD SAILS FOR FRANCE WITH MAID

Reaches Pier Heavily Veiled 'to See Friends Off.'

Mrs. Almee Crocker Gouraud, named recently as defendant in an alleged blackmail case brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Schill, wife of Mrs. Gouraud's former secretary, sailed for France yesterday on the French liner La Savane. Mrs. Gouraud, who was heavily veiled just before the steamship departed for Havre, and a young Frenchman, who said he was her secretary, sought to divert attention from her by declaring that she was seeing off friends and did not intend to sail herself.

Mrs. Gouraud and her maid, however, had resumed two watercoats, which they avoided until after the ship left the dock. Mrs. Gouraud's lawyer in the Schill suit, John C. Oldmixon, was held in \$2,000 bail for the Grand Jury last week on the charge of extorting a withdrawal of the suit from Mrs. Schill by threats.

WOMAN IMPALED ON FENCE.

Leaps From Bedroom Window to Death.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Austin, 62, wife of Martin J. Austin of 48 West Nicholas avenue, leaped last night from her bedroom window, four stories up, fell upon a picket fence, on which she was impaled, and was killed. She left a rambling note, which she said she had written before she took her last breath, in which she was reading in another part of the flat, heard nothing. Austin told the police his wife had suffered a nervous breakdown and was under treatment.

JOHNSON BACK FROM INDIA.

W. E. Johnson, chief field worker in the campaign for a dry world, arrived here yesterday on the Adriatic of the White Star Line, fresh from spreading the gospel of prohibition in India. In India's population of 315,000,000, Mr. Johnson said, there are approximately 60,000,000 who are drinking in the country. Five native states are dry, he said.

BIG BILL EDWARDS REAL SAYS FOR 30

Quips and Merry Jests Accompany His Gifts at Mrs. Behrend's Party.

IDLE DADDY IS TICKET

720 Ex-Service Men, Now on Earning Basis, Provide Own Dinner.

BLIND CHILDREN CHEERED

Elks, K. of C., Salvationists, Red Cross and Others Hosts to Unfortunates.

If you had a father who was out of work it was all you needed to get a pair of ball bearing roller skates, a horn making a gratifying amount of noise, a ball, an apple, an orange and ice cream and cake at the Christmas party given by Mrs. Genevieve Behrend at 136 West Seventy-second street yesterday afternoon.

It is a well known and much abused fact among children of the not so very wealthy that Santa Claus has a distressing way of ignoring utterly those boys and girls whose fathers are tramping about from place to place during December instead of holding down a job. But strangely enough, a father out of work, or in some cases, a mother out of work, was not a liability but an asset, good for the forementioned gifts on demand, or, in case you were too frightened to demand it, merely on appearance in the rooms of Mrs. Behrend's School of the Builders, on West Seventy-second street.

Of course Santa Claus was not officially there yesterday, the twenty-third of the month, so he sent instead to attend to the disbursement of gifts his most imposing deputy, no other than Big Bill Edwards himself, clad in the traditional regalia of a Deputy Santa Claus. Any one who has ever seen Big Bill will understand why he cannot be beaten as a Santa Claus. There were two Snow Men at the party, too, but had they been bigger than the Woolworth Building they would have looked like acorns alongside Big Bill.

How Big Bill Can Act Up!

And the things he said and the way he acted! He patted one little girl, Nancy De Louise of 67 Grand street, on the head, handed to her roller skates, and then he turned to a boy and said: "Be a good little girl, Nancy, and some day you'll be as big as I am."

Nancy, forsaking even the cakes, retired to a corner and think it over. The rest of the evening she was not conspicuous for her good behavior.

The children, 300 of them, some accompanied by elders and others bravely alone, came in a steady stream from 4 o'clock to 9 o'clock. They arrived silent, white, scared and suspicious, but the two Snow Men, all the assisting women in costume, the snow and evergreen decorations, made by Miss Vellone Floyd; the fireplace, the Popcorn Man, the huge and brilliantly shining tree and Big Bill in his ermine trimmed costume of red soon melted them and convinced them that nothing but ice cream and candy was to be eaten there. Some of them even got so far as to be healthily naughty and the horns made a brave racket.

It had been announced that John Drew also would be a Deputy Santa Claus, but he did not appear. Big Bill realized that not even his act could make him as really a satisfactory Santa Claus as Big Bill, particularly in the matter of bulk, so he stayed John Drew and helped things along in other ways.

Ex-Service Men at Biltmore.

Down at the Biltmore Hotel yesterday afternoon Santa Claus came along of time for 720 ex-service men whom the fortunes of war had left minus an arm or a leg or otherwise disabled. But the disabled men themselves, students at the Lincoln Institute for Vocational Education, not having any unemployed fathers to make them eligible for Mrs. Behrend's party, and finding themselves once more able to earn their own living, made their own Santa Claus and paid for it, too.

"Last year, when most of us were out of luck, they gave us a party," said one of the veterans. "This year we're able to give ourselves the party, and next year maybe we'll be able to give somebody else a party."

In the gray stone building of the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind, Ninth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, another entertainment was held and a Christmas tree, with glittering icicles, lights and colored lights, bulbs and all the ornaments a tree can wear, glowed brightly for the benefit of boys and girls who could not see it. They were as gay as boys and girls could be, and "saw" the tree with their fingers and played with their books and toys with joy.

Blind Children Entertained.

In the afternoon there was a regular band affair, given by the children themselves, with music and recitations, and stories of Christmas. Ten-year-old Anthony Klein, with nimble fingers, read off his piece from a slate as rapidly as he had two good eyes to help. Frances Slavet, a blind organist, played Christmas music; duets were sung, and Frank Napolitano, who is 8 years old in his hands, closed the affair with a Christmas greeting.

May Christmas day and all the year spell happiness for you, because you're the one who like or dislike what you do!

Now as to Christmas Day itself, more cheer will be dispensed in New York than ever before. Because of the large number of unemployed charitable organizations, societies, churches and other bodies have made unusual preparations. The Salvation Army, for example, has set up a long line of tables, and has to be hungry and not a child in the city need be overlooked by Santa Claus. Free turkey dinners will be served by all of the army's institutions for relief and welfare at almost any hour of the day or night. Open house will be kept at the Bowery Hotel, 225 Bowery; Men's Shelter, 507 West Twenty-sixth street; Industrial Home, 231 East 12th street; Social Welfare Center, 23, Raymond street, Brooklyn, and Emergency Home at the old Amity street police station.

The Salvation Army also will distribute in Manhattan 4,000 baskets, each containing enough food to last for two meals for a family of five or six. In Brooklyn 1,000 baskets will be given out. Baskets, together with toys for children, warm clothing and shoes will be distributed this afternoon at the Ninth Regiment Armory, Fourteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Elks' Distribution To-morrow.

The New York Lodge of Elks will distribute dinners and clothing and toys for the youngsters beginning at 10:30 A. M. to-morrow. The Brooklyn Elks Club will provide Christmas dinners for needy families, the baskets being given out this afternoon.

Bellevue Hospital will receive 1,000 Christmas dinners from Mrs. M. J. Vinciguerra, who will have a similar gift every year since 1914. They are being packed at the Osceola Democratic Club, Eighty-fourth street and Park avenue. No children will be discharged from the hospital until after Christmas unless the patient so requests.

The Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor will give more than \$10,000 worth of gifts in 4,000 red stockings. At Polytechnic Hospital, where disabled soldiers are patients, the Red Cross will provide Christmas gifts for every ward and room. To-night a well filled stocking will be hung on the bed of each patient. Bags containing sweaters, mittens, socks, shoes, and other necessities will be given to each of the 38 ex-service men at the Manhattan Hotel.

The Red Cross Club, 129 East Thirty-ninth street, will keep open house from 4 o'clock to 9 o'clock, for Federal board students who cannot go home. Three hundred children of disabled veterans in hospital and after discharge will be given Christmas gifts. Two hundred children of disabled veterans will be guests of the crew of the U. S. S. Albatross, which will be in New York to-morrow afternoon.

To-morrow evening at 5 o'clock 400 newsmen will receive a Christmas dinner from Thomas W. Lamont at the Grace Memorial Newsboys' Home, 24 William street. The dinner is in memory of Evert Jansen Wendell. There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment there at 8 o'clock Monday evening.

Hyman in Hell's Kitchen District.

Mayor Hyman will attend a Christmas party in the women's precinct of the Police Department at 43 West Thirty-seventh street at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Capt. John C. Amos of the Welfare Bureau will act as Santa Claus. About 250 children of the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood will be guests of the policewomen.

Challenger of 19 West Sixty-ninth street will entertain 250 children, who have written letters to Santa Claus at the Hotel Majestic this afternoon. The children, who are guests of the Tammany Central Association of the Twelfth Assembly District will act as host to 1,500 children at a special performance to be given this forenoon at the Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theatre.

The Knights of Columbus will distribute more than 2,000 Christmas baskets from Veronica Council club-house, 60 Morton street; Corinn Council, 160th street and Amsterdam avenue; Vera Cruz Council, East Twenty-third street; St. Pius School Hall, 143d street and Third avenue; Bronx Council, 156th street and Courtlandt avenue, and the New York Chapter headquarters at 342 West Fifty-first street.

Hannukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, celebrated by the Jewish community this year, and Jewish families will celebrate it by lighting candles, feasting and giving presents. Each night for seven days a candle will be added in the menorah, and on the seventh night, which every Jewish family owns.

As to the weather, generally fair and much colder in the forecast for Christmas Day in the States east of the Mississippi River.

LITTLE EVELYN SHIMMIES TO SHOW PARALYSIS OVER

Gay Christmas Party at Broad Street Hospital Brings Together Children Restored from the Ogre of Dread Malady.

Any little girl who can shimmy as did Evelyn Collins, aged 6, at the Christmas party at Broad Street Hospital need never worry about that ogre, infantile paralysis, which made victim of her when she was but 2 years of age, and she need never have any fears about not having dancing partners. For Evelyn is pretty, delightfully childlike and a good little shimmyer.

The reason she just couldn't help dancing the popular and often criticized dance was that she wanted to show Dr. J. B. Savage, superintendent of the hospital, what a perfectly fine pair of legs she has. And he acknowledged yesterday that they looked pretty sturdy and altogether different from the thin little ones dangling under her mother's arms the day Evelyn was first brought to the clinic. You can't shimmy, he added, if your legs and arms don't work properly.

"I want a great big yellow doll," said Evelyn, as soon as she had arrived at the scene of the festivities on the fourth floor of the new building, which was opened for the annual Christmas entertainment. And it developed that she wanted the doll to show the nurses that she could carry it in her left arm in a truly maternal fashion. Evelyn's left arm is the only part of her tiny body that has not been entirely restored to normal condition, but it is so much better that she can raise her left hand and salute and hold her doll tight against her shoulder.

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